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The reply filed 22 May 2006 is acknowledged.

1. ☐ The reply filed on or after the date of filing of an appeal brief, but prior to a final decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, will not be entered because:

a. ☐ The amendment is not limited to canceling claims (where the cancellation does not affect the scope of any other pending claims) or rewriting dependent claims into independent form (no limitation of a dependent claim can be excluded in rewriting that claim). See 37 CFR 41.33(b) and (c).

b. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is not timely filed before the filing of an appeal brief.
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2. ☐ The reply is not entered because it was not filed within the two month time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.39(b), 41.50(a)(2), or 41.50(b) (whichever is appropriate). Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are not available.

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3. ☒ The reply is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method for providing remote access to the facilities of a server computer, comprising:

receiving a user request to access a first server computer;

determining whether said user request may be granted;

in response to determining that said user request may be granted, determining whether access to a second server computer should also be granted; and

in response to determining that access to said second server computer should be granted, transmitting a request to access to said second server computer from said first server computer to said second server computer via a secure communications connection, said second server computer is operative to provide facilities for storing and updating [[said]] a network database in a manner that is visually consistent with a Web site on [[the]] said first server computer.

2. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said second server computer comprises a server computer operative to store and update [[a]] said network database.

3. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said first server computer comprises a server computer operative to provide ~~an Internet~~ said Web site.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising receiving an indication that access to said second server computer should also be granted, redirecting said user from said first computer to said second computer.

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6. (Currently amended) A method for providing remote access to the facilities of a server computer, comprising:

receiving a request at a server computer operative to store and update a network database to add a new user to a group of users authorized to utilize said network database;

determining whether said request may be granted; and

in response to determining that said request may be granted, adding said new user to said group of users authorized to utilize said network database, [[the]] said group of users defining a collaborative group spanning across [[the]] said server computer and another server computer so as to allow users to share data.

7. (Original) The method of Claim 6, wherein said request is received over a secure communications link from a second server computer.

8. (Original) The method of Claim 7, wherein a login and password for said new user are provided as a part of said request.

9. (Original) The method of Claim 8, further comprising:

determining whether said new user has previously been added to said group of users authorized to utilize said network database; and

in response to determining that said new user has previously been added to said group of authorized users, denying said request to add said new user.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 6, wherein said server computer comprises a server computer operative to store and update a network database, and wherein said second server computer comprises a server computer operative to provide an Internet Web site.

11. (Currently amended) A method for providing remote access to the facilities of a server computer, comprising:

receiving a request at a server computer operative to store and update a network database to update user data for a user authorized to utilize said network database, [[the]] said user being removable from [[the]] said server computer when a corresponding user is removed from another server computer that issues the request;

determining whether said request may be granted; and

in response to determining that said request may be granted, updating said user data as specified in said request.

12. (Original) The method of Claim 11, wherein said request is received over a secure communications link from a second server computer.

13. (Original) The method of Claim 12, wherein said server computer comprises a server computer operative to store and update a network database and wherein said second server computer comprises a server computer operative to provide an Internet Web site.

14. (Previously presented) A method for providing remote access to the facilities of a server computer, comprising:

receiving a request for a facility available at a server computer operative to store and update a network database via a secure communications link;

determining whether said request may be granted; and

in response to determining that said request may be granted, executing said facility at said server computer according to said request, said facility including creation of a new collaborative group in which users may share data, the method refraining from creating said collaborative group if a quota has been exceeded.

15. (Original) The method of Claim 14, wherein said facility comprises an application programming interface for deleting access rights for a user to said server computer.

16. (Original) The method of Claim 15, wherein said request further comprises a user ID for said user to be deleted.

17-18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 14, wherein said request further comprises the identity of one or more users to be added to said new collaborative group.

20. (Original) The method of Claim 14, wherein said facility comprises an application programming interface for adding new users to an existing collaborative group in which users may share data.

21. (Original) The method of Claim 14, wherein said facility comprises an application programming interface for removing users from an existing collaborative group in which users may share data.

22. (Previously presented) A computer-readable medium comprising instructions which, when executed by a computer, cause the computer to perform any one of the methods of Claims 1-3, 5-16, and 19-21.

23. (Previously presented) A computer-controlled apparatus capable of performing any one of the methods of Claims 1-3, 5-16, and 19-21.

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